(b) if so, the action Government have taken/propose to take to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Some movement of Shri Lankan Tamil militants in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu to obtain supplies of various goods including diesel and petrol has been reported.

(b) The State Govt. has intensified patrolling in the coastal areas, additional police posts have been set up in the coastal belt and police personnel have been provided with sophsisticated weapons. The State Govt. has also detained some militants under the NSA, apart from rounding up a large number of militants not keeping them in Special Camps.

Comprehensive economic package for Punjab

@1348 SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact taht a comprehensive economic package was announced by the Central Government for Punjab,

(b) whether Government have any proposal to review the package; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A set of economic measures for Punjab was announced by the former Prime Minister in the Parliament an 5th October, 1990. Action on the various schemes is being taken by the concerned Ministries/Departments in consultation with the State Government. The progress of the action taken is being reviewed periodically.

Formation of construction industry development board

1349. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to form a construction industry development board;

(b) if so, what are the aims and functions of the proposed board;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government anticipate any obstacles in its formation if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) A Working Group on Improvement of Methodology and Technology of Construction, constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended the setting-up of a Construction Industry Development Board.

(b) The proposed Board would be a nodal agency to co-ordinate all aspects covering construction activities, such as,

(1) Upgradation of technoloy, material management,

@Previously Unstarred Question 22 transferred from the 27th December, 1990.